IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

ePLUS INC.,)
Plaintiff,) Civil Action No. 3:09-CV-620 (REP)
v.)
LAWSON SOFTWARE, INC.,)))
))
Defendant.)

PLAINTIFF ePLUS, INC.'S MOTION FOR EXCEPTIONAL CASE FINDING AND <u>ATTORNEYS' FEES PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. § 285</u>

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285 and this Court's inherent powers, Plaintiff *e*Plus, Inc. ("*e*Plus") respectfully requests that the Court declare this to be an exceptional case, and award ePlus, as the prevailing party, its reasonable attorney fees and non-taxable costs in prosecution of this action.

The bases for *e*Plus's request are Defendant Lawson Software, Inc.'s ("Lawson") presentation of baseless litigation defenses and vexatious litigation tactics, including: (1) repeated refusal to adhere to this Court's orders limiting its invalidity theories to those timely disclosed in the Court-Ordered Second Supplemental Statement of Invalidity Defenses, (2) attempting to replace its expert disclosures after the close of discovery on the eve of trial and (3) arguing non-infringement to the jury and the Court based upon the notion that the catalogs of the accused Lawson product configurations were not "published by a vendor."

ePlus therefore respectfully requests that the Court declare this to be an exceptional case and that the Court award ePlus its reasonable attorney fees in this action. The bases for this

motion are set forth in further detail in the accompanying brief in support. Consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(d), in the event the Court grants this motion, in whole or in part, *e*Plus will provide documentation of its reasonable attorney fees incurred in connection with these issues as the Court may require.

Respectfully submitted,

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